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Hongkong, 1st December, 1898.

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Class FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS at CURRENT RATES. SIEMSSEN & Co. Hongkong, 28th May, 1895.

NOTICE. THE MANON INSURANCE COMPANY. LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED .....\$1,000,000 The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

CHAU TSEUNG FAT, Secretary. HEAD OFFICE. No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST. Hongkong, 26th May, 1894.

#### Auctions.

· GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

No. 564. THE following Particulars and Conditions of Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction, to be held on the spot

TO-MORROW, the 29th day of December, 1898, at 3 P.M., are published for general information.

By Command, T. SERCOMBE SMITH Acting Colonial Secretary. Colonial Secretary's Office,

Hongkong, 10th December, 1898, Particulars and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale to be held on Thursday; the 20th day of December, 1898, at 3 P.M., by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 Years.
PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

Measurement 2

## NOTICE.

PUBLIC AUCTION. N. MODY has been instructed to

PUBLIC AUCTION TO-MORROW (THURSDAY), the 29th December, 1898,

at 3 o'clock P.M., on the Premises, THE FOLLOWING VERY VALUABLE

LEASEHOLD AND RECLAMATION PROPERTY, viz.

ALL THAT PIECE of PARCEL of GROUND registered in the Land Office as Section A of MARINE LOT No. 7, together with the Reclamation in front thereof. "The above Section A of MARINE LOT No.

7 is bounded on the N. by the Praya, measuring thereon 106 feet, and by Section B of MARINE LOT'No. 7, measuring thereon of 7 it. 3 in., on the South by MARINE LOT No. 3, measuring thereon 117.0, on the E. by MARINE LOT No. 20, measuring 175 ft, and on the W. by Section B of MARINE LOT No. 7, and measuring thereon 125 feet, and contains in the whole an area of 19,415 7/12th feet. It is held for the residue of a term of 999 years from the 24th June, 7863. Proportion of CROWN RENT \$343.37. The Premises No. 9. Praya Central are let to various tenants producing a total monthly rental of \$1,160. The Reclamation has been filled in and

area of 16,505 square feet. The Sum of \$1,419.43 still remains to be the making of the Reclamation under the Reclamation Agreement and the Reclamation will be sold subject to this. For Particulars and Conditions of Sale, apply

possesses a sea frontage of 64 feet 8 in, and an

. Messis, DEACON & HASTINGS,

The Auctioneer. \* N.B. The above area is that contained in the Reclamation Agreement. It has since been ascertained that the area available Assignment is 16,808 square feet and possession is about to be given by the Government.

## Masonic.

Hongkong, 14th December, 1898. [1415

EOTHEN MARK LOUGE, No. 264.

A LODGE will be held in the FREEMASGNS HALL, Zetland Street, on SATURDAY, the 31st. instant, at 5 for 5.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend Hongkong, 27th December, 1898.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

MEMBERS of the CONGREGATION at ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, who have not yet subscribed to the CATHEDRAL FUND nie invited to send their subscriptions for the current year to the Undersigned. Will they kindly do so before the 31st instant. T.JACKSON,

Hon. Treasurer. Hongkong, 19th December, 1898. 11492

#### To-day's Advertisements.

NOTICE.

PUBLIC MEETING will be held in ST. ANDREW'S HALL, CITY HALL, on TUESDAY, the 3rd January, at 3 P.M., of the Members of the CHAMBER OF COM-MERCE, and to which other Members of the Community, are invited, to welcome LORD CHARLES BERESFORD, who has been good enough to consent to give an Address.

. CHATTERTON WILCOX, Secretary. HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. Hongkong, 28th December, 1898.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAL THE Company's Steamship

"KWEILIN! Captain Karros, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 29th instant, at 3 P.M. For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Hongkong, 28th December, 1898.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES .... O. S. N. CO.'S Steamsnip

-"PESHAWUR,"

FROM BOMBAY AND STRAITS. Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo: -From Persian Gulf, A. British India Co's. Steamers. Goods not cleared by the 3rd January, at 4

P.M. will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

All damaged Packages must be left in the and the Philippines. Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the Vessel's arrival here after which no Claims will be recongnised. H. A. RITCHIE,

Superintendent. Hongkong, 28th December, 1898. OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAM-SHIP COMPANY,

NOTICE.

ONSIGNEES of CARGO per Steamship. The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to

take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside. Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk India S. N. Co., has been isolated

and expense. . S. VAN BUREN,

Hongkong, 28th December, 1898.

#### Motel.

#### WINDSOR HOTEL, HONGKONG.

THIS ESTABLISHMENT, situated in the Le elegant Building known as "CON-NAUGHT HOUSE," offers First-class Accommodation to Residents and Travellers. Passenger Elevator, from Entrance Hall to each Floor, in charge of experienced Attendant, Favourable Arrangements made for Families and for Monthly or Extended Periods. P. BOHM,

Proprietor & Manager. Hongkong, 3rd April, 1895.

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"BAHAR LODGE." No. 4, RIPON TERRACE.

THE HONGKONG LAND INSVEST MENT & AGENCY Co., Ltd.: Hongkong, 16th November, 1898,

#### Intimation.



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#### SCOTCH WHISKY.

A .- THORNE'S BLEND, White B.-WATSON' GLENORCHY MELLOW BLEND, Blue Capsule, with Name and Trade Mark ..... 10.80 C.—WATSON,'S ABELOUR-GLENLIVET, Red Capsule, with name and Trade Mark...... 12.00

OF THE FINEST SCOTCH MALT WHISKIES, Violet Capsule ...... 14.40 E.—WATSON'S VERY OLD LI-

D.-Watson'sH.K.D., Blend

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## Che Bongkong Gelegraph

Hongkong, Wednesday, December 28, 1898.

#### REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE ANNEXATION OF WAKE ISLAND.

LONDON, December 26th. Wake Island will be used by the United States for the projected Cable between America

THE TRANSVAAL.

The Boer policeman who shot a European has been arrested and will be imprisoned until his trial The Times discussing the matter, does not

expect any serious political trouble to arise from it for the present, but says that it would 'be idle to shut one's eyes, to the chronic dangers due to the present system of Government in the Transvaal.

A CASE OF PLAGUE LANDED AT PLYMOUTH.

The s.s. Golconda has landed a mild case of plague at Plymouth and proceeded to London. The patient, who is an officer of the British

#### WEATHER REPORT.

The Observatory report says :- On the 28th at.11.45 a.m.: The barometer has fallen slightly and is moderately in defect on the China coast Pressure is highest over the interior of China, lowest probably to the E. of Japan. Gradients slight on the coast, and in the N. part of the China Sea. FORECAST:-Moderate or light N. E. winds ; fine.

#### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

LAM KAN SHING of 51 Stanley Street was fined \$25 for unlawfully dispensing fire water to the thirsty multitude of Hongkong,

THE returns of the number of visitors to the City Hall Museum for the week ended 25th December, are :- Europeans 189, Chinese 2,176 ; total 2,365.

THE two companies of the Royal Engineers stationed here, held a smoking concert in the PROPERTY now occupied by the Boatshed, Wellington Barracks, on Monday next morning. The mail boat Dover, when evening. Numerous naval, military and civilian | crossing from Calais in the afternoon with sixty friends were present. Corporal Eveleigh R. E. passengers, damaged her machinery, and had occupied the chair and a most successful programme was given to which the visitors con- to the Lord Warden. From Iroland floods are dropped a sheer fifty feet from the end. We of the Japanese have all been closely studied to the south as belonging to France. A special tributed. Among those who sang were Cor- reported, which have blocked the Great poral Ward, R.A.M.C., Seaman Gunner Ander- | Southern Railway near Dublin, A train was son, a fine baritone, Corporal Watkins, R.E. -[12] and Suppers Rogars and Vall R.R.

BEFORE the Police Magistrate this morning thirty-eight cases came up for treatment, the majority of the subjects being the perennial drunk and disorderly.

AT a regular meeting of the Victoria Preceptory

held on the 23rd inst. Sir Kt. F. D. Goddard

was elected Eminent Preceptor for the ensuing

year; Sir Kt. J. J. Bryan, Treasurer; and Sir Kt. J. Maxwell, Guard. THE Wuhu correspondent of a native paper reports that recently the French Consul-General demanded from Taotal Woo, passports for two French Missionaries to travel to Anhui, Kiang-

su, Kiangse and Honan, and further asks for

military protection for them on their journey.

A VERY enjoyable Christmas concert was given to the patients at the Government Civil Hospital yesterday afternoon. Messrs. Ward and Grimble commenced with a pianoforte duet entitled." March,", and were followed by: Mr. Lawford, R.N., who sang "The Admiral's Broom." Miss Murray Bain gave a pretty rendering of "In the Merry May Time" and Mr. Edwards, R.N., explained how he was "Tired of the Moon my Love and Myself. Miss Gaspar was heard to great advantage in "Come to Me," and Mrs. Lowson and Mrs. Craddock sang the old duet "Friendship" with great taste. Commander Graston, R.N., Licut. Shelford, R.N., and the Hon, H. E. Pollock also assisted. The concert was followed by a Christmas tree.

THE sum paid by Mr. Hooley for the gold plate presented to St. Paul's Cathedral has been returned to his trustee and accepted by him. The transaction has been purely voluntary. . The money has been given privately and anonymously, through the hands of a member of the Chapter. The Communion vessels can now be restored to their original purpose. According to another account no difficulty was apprehended even from the outset as to the disposal of the Communion plate. The late Lord Mayor declared that if any difficulty occurred the City would redeem the plate; for, having once been presented, and used, they would not tolerate the idea that the Cathedral body should be criticised for any thing they had accepted in good faith. A member of the Cathedral body had himself offered £1,000 to be placed for this purpose in the hands, of the Official Receiver, and another gentleman had offered, as a guarantee for the same object, £1,500.

THE London County Council decided on 22nd ulto, says the L. & C. Express, to spend the money of London ratepayers in building artisan dwellings at Poplar, which are to be let at "charity" rents. The term is used for want of a better. It means that the rents which the Council proposes to charge for its new dwellings will be insufficient to cover the interest. on capital outlay and the cost of maintenance. In other words, the Council proposes to tax the whole body of Londoners in order to remide If these individuals happened to belong to the upper classes such a proposal would be denounced by the Progressive majority on the County Council as the grossest form of jobbery; but as the future occupants of these dwellings are to be working men, whose only other privilege will be the power to vote for Progressive County Councillors, the proposal carried at Spring-gardens by a large majority.

FOR many years various attempt's have been made to reproduce natural colours by photography. All of them, however, have failed. After many years of experiments, Dr. Selle, of solving the problem by perfecting a process which, from an artistic and a practical point of view, gives complete satisfaction. The process is said to be the only practical and commercially valuable one for reproducing in exactitude the colours of nature, while the cost is merely. nominal. He has now on view in London copies of famous pictures, groups of flowers, delicate butterflies, tapestries, carpets, and a variety of other objects. These are produced by a series of three or four printings upon films of gelatine, and the colours when combined are marvellous for their brilliancy and softness. The achievement will effect a revolution in the arts of photography and colours printing. Among the specimens exhibited at the office in Northumberland Avenue London are protraits in colours taken from life. The tones are peculiarly delicate and the shading of colour is

Severe weather was experienced in most parts of the United Kingdom during the few days prior to the departure of the last mail. In Scotland, Wales, and the North and North-Eastern portions of England, on 23rd ulto. snow fell in great quantities. South Northamptonshire the snow gave place to cold, gusty minstorms. In the Channel the sea was exceedingly rough, and the Continental mail service was conducted with difficulty, the Dover and Calais service being diverted to Folkestone and Boulogne. A large number of wrecks were reported at various ports. Lancashire and Yorkshire appear have felt the snowstorm more acutely than other parts. In those two counties, the storm was the most violent of recent years. They were swept for part of the day by a regular blizzard. Heavy snowdrifts were made, blockunprepared for the sudden change, The Mid land Railway had to resort to snow-ploughs. to put back and transfer, mails and passengers wrecked by the gale in Kerry, some of the carriages being blown off the line into a ditch.

THERE will be a Hockey Match to-morrow at the Club Ground at 4.30 p.m. Club v. King's Own Regiment. The Club team will consist of Messrs. Campbell, Davies, Hooper, Millward, Morrell, Owen, Ram, Robinson, Rowcroft, Shewell and Another.

THE N. C. O's and men of the Army Ordnance and Army Service Corps had a dinner at Thomas! Grill Rooms on Monday night to celebrate the festive season. Sergeant Shillington presided and was ably assisted by Corporal Leaver as vice-chairman. There were seventeen guests and the usual toasts were duly honoured. Mi · Bew, the guest of the evening, in proposing the health of the Army and Navy made a very neat speech which was highly appreciated by all.

#### FOOTBALL.

BAND AND DRUMS v. E. CO. K.O.R. SEMI-FINAL FOR REGIMENTAL SHIELD.

A match for this much coveted trophy was played yesterday between the Band and Drums and E. Co., K. O. R. Among the spectators might be recognised Their Excellencies the Governor and Major General Gascoyne who seemed to take a great interest in the game. The musicians, under the captaincy of Drummer Hefferin, played a most vigorous game against which their opponents did not show tondvantage. The adjutant, Mr. Lloyd, rendered a very good account of himself and although he had only the honour of scoring once he greatly assisted the other goals, at half time the score stood Band and Drums 3 to E. Co's. nil. Afterwards Sergt. Fennessey from a capital shot by Pien Hardacre managed to get the ball through the posts on behalf of E. Co. On time being called the score stood Band and Drums 6 goals E. Co. r goal.

## SOLDIERS & SAILORS

INSTITUTE The Rev. G. R. Vallings, Chairman, acknow ledges with thanks the following donations towards the Fund for new furniture, etc. :-Commander A. Henderson, R.N.....\$ I. Mayston, Esq., Naval Yard ..... Owen Ordish, Esq.....

H. Simmins, Esq..... W. E. Turner, Esq. E. Wakeford, Esq..... Engine-room Artificer Beere, H.M.S. Tamar

#### IMPERIAL DECREES

Evans .....

(Issued 19th instant.) TRANSFERRED.

Ts'en Ch'un-hauen, Provincial Treasurer Kuangtung, and Tung Ti-ch'ang, Provincial Treasurer of Kansu, are hereby ordered to interchange posts. They are both excused from coming to Peking for Imperial instructions. NEW APPOINTMENTS.

(1) Yu Hsien, Provincial Treasurer of Hunan, is appointed acting Tartar-General of Kingning Nanking vice Feng Shen, deceased.

(2) Ch'en Tsé-lin is appointed Tartar of the Chi-Ning Intendancy of Shansi province. (3) Pring Hung-wen is appointed Junior Director of the Court of Sacrificial Worship.

#### THE ACCIDENT TO THE PRINCE OF WALES.

(says the British Medical Journal) to inform a clerk in a solicitor's office in Hongkong which our readers that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales place he had to leave suddenly owing to has now made an excellent, and it may really the desire of the Hongkong police to make be said complete, recovery from the severe a better acquaintance with him. Yu Sui-wan accident he met with in July last. After the then came north and joined the Viceregal interval which has clapsed of more than four service in Nanking. During the late war with months the cure may be reasonably considered | Japan Yu, was sent down to Shanghai to try. permanent. Massage of the limb and passive on behalf of the Viceroy, several alleged spies. movement of the joint were begun at a very early stage, and have been followed by the happiest results. The knee readily bends to considerably more than a right angle, and the Berlin, claims to have succeeded in definitely power of active extension at the joint is very good indeed. The Prince can readily go up 1 and down stairs, and can walk with case and comfort, and with scarcely perceptible halt, which is only due, moreover, to the slight embarrassment to the joint movement caused by the light splint he is wearing, and will continue to wear for a few weeks longer as a matter of precaution. So far as the injured limb is concerned his Royal Highness will be able to-use it for all his many occupations as well as before he met with an accident, which is not infrequently followed, as is well-known, by serious consequences to the usefulness of the extremity.

#### BALOON ACCIDENT.

The balcon in which Mr. Philip Williams, a fatal termination, writes: "The frail-rope, Iris contains many delicate melodies, which sea at an alarming rate. I said to Mr. Darby: will become popular. The Song to the Sun dragged across a couple of fields and Japanese village, lined by small houses. That permandatly injured -L. & C. Express

## SHANGHAI AND THE NORTH.

(From Shanghai Papers.)

FRENCH DEMANDS AT WUHU. A Chinese man-of-war, which returned from Nanking to Shanghai reports that Count de Bezaure is now claiming an exclusive Concession for France near Wuhu.

THE REFORMISTS. It is reported from Peking that the Chinese Government, anticipating a combined movement of the reformists in the south, is taking severe measures against them. It is also stated that the recent dismissal of two high officials was owing to their alleged complicity in the reformist movement.

THE EMPRESS DOWAGER'S ARMY. A telegraphic dispatch received by the Shanghai mandarins from N. Kinchou outside the Great Wall, reports that General Sung Ching, Commandant of the Wuyi Army Corps of 30,000 men, left that city on the 19th instant for Shanhaikuan with the bulk of his forces. This last-named post has been chosen by the Empress Dowager to be General Sung Ching's headquarters in her grand scheme to surround Peking with a quarter of a million of foreign-

churia or the Gulf.

equipped troops to oppose invasion from Man-

MURDER OF A FRENCH PRIEST. the killing of a French priest arising from a recent fight between the villagers of the Tantzeshan hamlet, in Patunghsien district, and a number of R. C. converts in the vicinity. latter, it is alleged, were better armed than the former who, however, made up for the disparity by superior numbers. \* '+'

#### THE MCELROY CASE.

In the case of McElroy v. China Merchants, which has been before the Mixed Court for the past few weeks, the British Assessor delivered the following Judgment :- Although McElroy. has no legal claim I think he has been very hardly treated by the Company and this I feel sure the Directors will when the case is represented to them. I think that in consideration of the facts given in evidence, and of his long service, the Company will come to the conclusion that they should give McElroy a gratuity of \$500 or more, and that they should cause a letter to be sent to him stating that he had performed his duties in a competent manner, and that the allegation that he had spoilt the machinary of the Leeguen was untrue. Unless this is done by the company, it will be my duty to bring the facts to the notice of Her Majesty's Consul General who many pursue the matter by the diplomatic channel.

#### EXPLOSION AT HANGCHOW."

A second telegram, dated the 9th inst., published in the Universal Gasette, from Hangchow with reference to the terrible explosion of gunpowder in that city on the night of the 17th instant is as follows :- "I now learn that the explosion caused great destruction to houses situated within a radius of three or four H of the scene. Several hundred houses were either set on fire or blown down but fortunately the loss of life was comparatively small, my yesterday's estimate of some 1,500 lives lost being according to the reports in circulation at the

-YU CHENG-HSIANG.

A Nanking dispatch states as follows :-H.E. Viceroy Liu has reappointed the expectant s b-prefect Yu Cheng-hislang to the post of deputy in the Nanking Bureau o Foreign Affairs, owing to the increased degree of intercourse the Viceroy has with the high officials of various nations, especially those from Great Britain.' Sub-prefect Yil is a very good English scholar and well-acquainted with foreign matters." With reference to the above it is, perhaps, not generally known that sub-prefect Yu Cheng-haiang's -" other name" or It is with much satisfaction we are enabled allas is "Yil Sui-wan," and he was at one; time both Japanese and Chinese, the tortures which he brought to bear on his victims being so cruel that it will be remembered a general protest was made in the local Press at the time.

Sir Nicholas Hännen, then Consul General here, taking this into account as well as the record Yu held in Hongkong as a fugitive from ustice, actually refused to have any dealings with the man and wrote to the Viceroy Li about the objections foreigners in general had to his Excellency's foreign deputy. The resul was that Yii was removed from the Bureau o Foreign Affairs. Nearly four years having nov passed it is perhaps thought at Nanking that Yu's antecedents have been forgotten.

#### A NEW JAPANESE OPERA.

The first performance of Signor Mascagni's now Japanese opera, Iris, was given at the Cortanz Theatre, Rome, on 22nd ulto, and proved a triumphant success. The first and the aeronaut, made an ascent from London, second acts were rapturously applauded, but in company of Mr. Sydney Darby, a journalist, the third hardly reached the same high level with the object of crossing the Channel to | Signor | Mascagni himself was somewhat Paris, was brought down suddenly at Lancing, I nervous at the beginning of the performance, near Brighton, on 22nd ulto. Mr.- Williams, but acquired firmness after the opening bars, describing the adventure which nearly had .-He conducted an orchestra of 200 musicians. about 430 ft. in length, was just trailing along | however, were comprehensible only to a select the ground, and we were shooting towards the part of the audience, and it is doubtful if they Our only chance is to climb down the drage after the prelude, sung by Iris (Mme. D'Arclée). line. I asked Mr. Darby if he was ready, and, was much applauded. Signor Mascagni was when he replied in the affirmative, I at once called six times after the first act, and ten after got out of the car and began to climb down the the second, which ends with a powerfully rope. There was not a moment to spare, as I dramatic scene, in which Iris, wrongly accused every second took us much nearer to the sea. and overwhelmed by her blind father's I naturally thought Mr. Darby was following reproaches, throws herself from the window: close behind me, and it was not until I-touched | The scenery of Iris is of marvellous correctness the ground that I found he had not done so, and beauty. The effect of the first scene is Meanwhile I held on to the rope, and was that of a real poem. It represents a street in a through a hedge. At last I was plunged of the heroine is surrounded by a miniature into a kind of ditch, my shoulder bumped garden overflowing with flowers, and flanked by against something, and before I knew what a limpid stream, When the curtain rises the had happened the rope had gone. With my stage, as well as the theatre, is in perfect dark; which still remain subject to the maximum weight off, the balloon shot up again in a ness. Gradually and almost insensibly dawn tariff duties. Before the treaty is submitted to moment. During that moment—only an in- breaks, outlineing the houses and trees until Parliamentary ratification in France a Bill will appreciable fraction of time-Mr. Darby's the light, at first silver, turns rosy, then yellow; be passed modifying the present duties on position was a most terrible one. The end of and floods the whole scene. At the same time, wine. A Paris correspondent says that the the rope was so ft. from the ground; he was too, the volume of tone increases, and the little more than half-way down the rope, with- chorus-joins in with the triumphant hymn to cial relations with Italy constitutes a change ing roads and impeding railways, and burying out a second to decide whether he should leave the rising sun. The effect of sunrise is obtained in the policy of France, on which she reckons sheep upon the hill-sides, the farmers being go and fall to the earth or be carried out to sea. by myriads of multi-coloured electric lights to lift her up out of the effects of the rebuff she His presence of mind and courage were disposed in every available corner of the stage. has just undergone. Replying to an interpellremarkable. He did absolutely the only thing. The second act, exotic in its richness, is in ation in the Chamber on zest inst., the Italian there was to do, and if he had delayed doing it direct contrast to the freshings and purity of Foreign Minister, Admiral Canevaro, declared The gale continued in the English Channel the conly a fraction of a second he would have gone the first. One is transported directly to Japan, that the Rabelta incident has been settled in a up, and would soon have been hanging a with its pagodas, lanterns, and characteristic friendly and satisfactory manner. There had thousand feet in the air. To climb back to the costumes. The latter, all in thin, delicately been an infraction of boundaries in the neighcar was impossible. With the quickness of linted vaporous silk, are veritable feasts for the bourhood of Ras Dumeirs, but the coast to the thought be released his grip, keeping his hands eye. Attention has been given to every minute | north of that point had, as in 1891, been reround the rope, shot down like lightning, and detail-an unusual thing in Italy. The manners reognised as belonging to Italy, and the coast discovered him lying on his back, with his In the second and last acts, the entire walls of commission would profit by the occasion to knees up, and quite unconscious. We got a the stage are covered with flowers, while from delimit the Italo-French frontier in the interior. hurdle and enried him to the doctors." The the floor rise innumerable blossoms, making a The French askaris would be withdrawn, if latest suport is that Mr. Darby has not been most ingenious and unexpected change of scene, I indeed, they had not already received instruc-

#### THE NAVY LEAGUE HONGKONG BRANCH.

The following is the Report for the year

ending the 30th of September, 1898 :-The following is a short summary of the various subjects which have occupied the attention of the Committee of the Hongkong branch of the Navy League during the last twelve

1.- The rectification of the boundaries of the Colony, commonly known as the Kowloon

On the 10th January 1898 the Committee addressed an urgent letter, which was accompanied by a chart, to the Head Office upon the above subject, and subsequently continued to strongly press the matter.

Eventually in June a lease was made by China to Great Britain of a portion of the land which had been included in the Navy League chart, but Kowloon City was excluded from

Since that date this branch, in common with the China Association and the Chamber of Commerce, has strongly urged the necessity for Kowloon City being included in the lease from China to Great Britain and also that the boundary of the Colony should extend on the North and East to latitude 22.40 and longitude 114:45 respectively with the view of including An official telegram from Chungking reports | the important market town of Sam Chun and also the crests of the hills overlooking Mirs Bay: This branch has also urged that the line should be carried sufficiently far to the southward to include the Gap Rock.

2.- In the month of January the desirability of coming to an understanding with Japan upon the "open door" question was pointed out, and it was pointed out later that the United States and Germany as well as Japan had a common interest with us in keeping open the door to

3.-In February a sub-Committee was specially appointed to consider and report upon the following subjects (inter alia).

(a).—The relative fighting strength of Great Britain as compared with a possible combination against her of other

Powers. (b).—The question of the decrease of British Officers and seamen employed in the Mercantile Marine as connected with the Naval Reserve question.

The sub-Committee, in the same month issued their report, dated the 17th Febuary 1898, which was circulated to the members of groups later on.

In March the idea of starting a special Naval Prize Firing Fund was mooted but it fall through owing to certain difficulties in carrying out the scheme. 4-In August this branch sent home a con-

tribution in aid of the sufferers from a sad boating disaster in Norfolk. 5.-The question of measures being taken to check the spread of contagious diseases has

been again pressed forward by this branch during the past year. 6.—In connection with the lease of Wei-haiwei, my Committee most strongly urged that the place should be put into such a condition of defence as to be capable of holding out for some weeks without receiving any assistance

from the fleet The better defence of the South-side of the Island, the formation of a reserve of Chinese stokers, and the employment of foreign operators in the Telegraph Companies have also engaged the attention of the Committee, Amongst other important events of the year from a Navy League point of view, in addition to those referred to above, may be men-

1).—The increase of British Naval strength in the Far East by the addition of two battleships, the "Victorious" and the . Barfleur.

(2).—The offer by Natal of a free gift of "coal as a contribution to the Imperial

(3).—The passing in England of the Merchant Shipping (Mercantile Marine Fund Act) 1898, which contained a clause for the payment to shipowners of certain allowances in respect of boys trained for the Royal Naval Reserve.

(4).—The starting of branches of the Navy League in Harrow School, England, and also at Kiukiang. (Correspondence passed between this branch of the Navy League and residents in Shanghai, Singapore and Amoy in connection with the proposed starting of branches in

During the course of last winter Captain Anderson read a paper, which was much appreciated, upon "Some reasons why we ought to support the Navy-League," and Mr. W. Machell gave an address upon "Some popular fallacies concerning the Navy."

During the year under review Captain Hastings R. N., was elected President of the League in the place of Mr. Atwell Coxon retired, and Mr. J. J. Francis O. C., was elected Vice President. Mr. Ritchie was elected as new member of the Committee and Mr. R. Shewan resigned his membership of the Committee. The undersigned has resigned his duties as Hon. Secretary & Treasurer of the League in favour of Mr. M. W. Slade, it being considered inexpedient by the Government that the undersigned should continue to act, as Hon, Secretary and Treasurer whilst holding the post of Attorney General.

There has been a most gratifying increase in the numbers and associates since the begining of this year the number having risen from 93 members and 20 associatés on the 3rd December 1897 (the date of the last Annual General Meeting) to 268 members and to associates, HENRY E. POLLOCK.

Late Hon, Secretary,

#### FRANCE AND ITALY.

Hongkong, 1st December, 1808.

A new commercial treaty has been signed between France and Italy, by which France concedes to Italy the benefits of her minimums tariff and Italy admits France to her regular conventional system. An exception is made resumption of friendly commercial and finantions to retire.

#### ICHOUFU, SHANTUNG.

December 10th.

THE ANTI-CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT. The disturbance north-east of here to which your correspondent called attention in a recent letter anent an exciting experience, of three of us, foreigners, still continues. No more Protestant stations have been involved, largely because there are very few of our stations in that region. The storm centre lies, roughly speaking, half-way between this place and Chington and embraces north-west Jehchao, north-eastern Chuchou, and southern Chuch-

In the region defined nearly, if not quite every. Catholic station has been attacked and robbed. It is said that forty or fifty Christians have been injured and at least two of them have been killed outright.

THE LOCAL OFFICIALS ARE POWERLESS to punish the offenders because of the lack of military force and their failure to act is interpreted by the rioters as a proof that the officials are in sympathy with the crusade against the foreigners and their adherents. The situation is a critical one both from the religious and from the political stand-point. .

A weiyuan who proves to be our whilem Chinanfu acquaintance Wang Tseng-chun has trouble. He has gone in company with Bishop of some 15,000 tons displacement, with a speed Anzer to Jehchao city to investigate the outrage of 18 knots. upon Father Stentz and to go into the whole matter. It is said that soldiers are, on the way from Chinanfu.

BROKEN PROMISES.

Meanwhile the people at Hochialou who treated so cavalierly your correspondent and ·his colleagues have concluded not takeep their written promise to make good the damage which they committed, and on the contrary, have made two more armed raids upon the defenceless Christians with the result that the Christians have most of them fled for their lives, and everything they have in the world, with the exception of their humble dwellings, has been taken from them. Their case is truly

Our prefect has promised that justice shall be done but until more force puts in its appearance I fear that he cannot compass it.

A German priest whose Chinese name is "Wên" has been compelled to leave his post in north Chuchou and take refuge in Chuchou

The movement is distinctly anti-foreign and must be dealt with sternly if the position of foreigners in this part of the country is to remain tenable-N. C. D. News Cor.

#### THE SULU ISLANDS.

THEIR STRATEGICAL IMPORTANCE. BRITAIN'S PRESENT INTERESTS.

A correspondent of the Globe has given an interesting summary of the relation of Great Britain and the Sulu Archipelago. In the course of his letter he 'incidentally corrects for repairs, some lobvious historical misstatements that appeared in an earlier article in that journal from another source. He evidently fears that, the train of circumstances now occurring will be allowed to proceed too far without something being done; and that, ultimately, a crisis may be brought about somewhat similar to the recent incident at Fashoda. Cowie harbour and the Sulu Islands, he points out, command the trade routes between China, Australia, and the great trade emporium, Macassar, in Celebes; "yet the people of England are indifferent to the signing under protest of the peace treaty of Paris by the Spanish." The Protocol of 1877, recognised by Spain and the Sultan of Sulu, ensured to England and Germany freedom of trade in Sulu and its dependencies, Palawan and Balabac; there is danger that the advantages of that treaty will | 57,163 yen a year. In view of this, the Nippon be lost in the provisions of the new treaty. | Yusen Kaisha, a vernacular journal states, is see whether, under the new arrangements England stands as she did before-with perfect freedom of trade in Suju, Palawan, and Balabac. Is the condition of things between England and Sulu and its dependencies, Palawan and Balabac, to be continued as under

the Protocol of 1877, or will there, under the

- • new arrangements; be duties placed on British

goods as there are now in the United States? The people of Sulu are the vikings of eastern seas. They are intellingent, inderendent, and daring and they live a free and happy life. It is an old civilisation, the product of the Mussulman faith; and though the innovations of western civilisation are making way, the the lower people take kindly to them still. Some of them are born slaves, others are stolen into captivity, and others are slaves from debt. There are in Sulu two-classes—the hillmen, the tillers of the soil; and the coast people, Sultan of Sulu does not care to have of the first loan. his pearls sold, he looks on them as his perquisites, yet they do find their way pearls are the finest in the world. In the days of the East India Company, those eastern seavikings fitted out their fleets in Sulu and infested the whole Archipelago, the coasts of the Philippines, the whole coast of Borneo, and Celebes. They were known to have gone as far as Singapore and Bangkok on the one side. and New Guines on the other. It was only when the British finally established a station at Labuan that, from fear, they began to be less violent. There was for long a continuous and desultory, warfare between Spain and the Sulus in the attempt of the Spanish to put an end to the piratical attacks on the coasts of the Philippines. The Spanish sought to assume governighty over them often, but the British persistently refused to recognise the Spanish claim over the group. In 1877, the Protocol was signed securing freedom of trade in Sulu to England and Germany. In 1878, Spain soldiers as if they were on active service. But largest in the Far East, like Fashoda it is of importance to England as a strategical point; with the Bay of Cowie

made untenable to any nation other than

trade-sountry and, by whatever friendly means

of Paris become to her a dead letter.

JAPANESE JOTTINGS.

(From Japanese Papers.) THE IMARI RAILWAY. It is stated that official permission has been granted to the Kyushu Railway Company for its proposed purchase of the Imari Railway. THE USE OF INDIGO.

It is reported that the Iyc. Weaver's Union, after making a series of investigations have decided to prohibit the use of indigo as a. dye from next year. A.TIDAL WAVE

On the 14th inst. a tidal wave broke over Kisen, Ominata and several other coast villages in Iwate Ken. No particulars of the damage done have been received. THE RUSSO-CHINESE BANK.

A Japanese paper learns that the Russo-Chinese Bank, has decided to open a branch office at Kobe and that the bank has, for that purpose, leased some 600 tsubo of land at Sakayemachi, in Kobe.

THE PRESS LAW. The Government has decided to revise the Press Law with a view to enable foreigners to become publishers or editors; of newspapers in Japan. A bill for that purpose was submitted to the Imperial Diet on the 15th inst. A NEW BATTLESHIP.

A Japanese paper learns that the Government has recently placed an order with a shipbeen sent by the Governor to "settle" the building company in England, for a battleship

The total postal and telegraph receipts of the Government during November last amounted to 1,016,653 yen, showing a decrease of 57,760 yen in the figures for the preceeding month and an increase of 989, 110 yen over the returns for the corresponding month of last year.

JAPANESE BANKS. \*-The total number of various banking firms in existence at the end of November last, was 1,789, with an aggregate capital of 383, 768, yen. These figures show an increase of 6 in number of banks and also an increase of 3,746,710 yen in the capital over the returns for the preceding month.

STUDY OF ENGLISH. In view of the operation of the new treaties in July next, the Nagasaki Post and Telegraph Department has, it is said, decided that the clerks in the Telegraph Department shall undergo a course of instruction in the English language. To this end, the services of a local English teacher have been engaged.

THE FORMOSA CABLE. The negotiations in progress between the Japanese and the Chinese Governments concerning the ownership of the submarine cable between Tamsui (Formosa) and Foochow (China) have been concluded, with the result of-the-payment-of-\$100,000-by-the-Japanese Government. Upon the payment of this sum, Japan will assume possession of the cable.

ACCIDENT TO A STEAMER. A telegram has been received from Okinawa stating that the Nippon Shosen Kaisha's steamer Hushu-maru (1,239 tons), which left Moli the other day for Foochow with a cargo of coal, sustained great damage to her hull during the voyage and has been compelled to put into Akakina, one of the Locchoo islands,

THE BANK OF JAPAN. Two bills concerning the Bank of Japan have been introduced in the Diet by the Government. The one provides for extending the normal limit of the issue of notes on securities to 120. 000,000 yen. The present limit is 85,000,000 yen, and the proposed extension has been recommended by the High Council of Agriculture. Commerce, and Industry. The second bill imposes a new tax on the Bank, estimated to yield about 1,200,000 yen a year.

THE NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA. According to the latest returns, the Nippon Yusen Kaisha at present possesses 66 vessels, of an aggregate tonnage of 190,544. If the proposed law concerning tonnage dues is passed by the Diet, the shipping company will be compelled to pay dues amounting to some The question for the Foreign Office is this, to | endeavouring to obstruct the passing of the bill through the Imperial-Deit.

KORE'S WELLS. . The result of the examination of the water out of the wells in the city of Kobe, recently conducted by the Kobe City Office, is not very satisfactory. It shows that of 6,704 wells which were examined the water of only 1,978 was found good to drink without precautions, the water of -1,599 injurious unless filtered; the water of 226 injurious without being boiled, and the water of no less than agor wells to be injurious to health if used under any circumstances.

THE SPINNING INDUSTRY. It was reported a short time, ago that a number of spinning companies had succeeded vices of the west have not yet taken root, in getting a loan of 2,000,000 yen from the Polygamy and 'slavery flourish in Sulu, vet | Specie Bank for a term of six months from January to June next, at a low rate of interest, in order to facilitate the export of cotton yarn for this port to-day the 28th instant. to Hongkong and Shanghai. It is now further reported that these companies find the sum inadequate for their requirements and that in the toilers of the sea. In the Royal Botanic | consequence they are endeavouring to obtain an Gardens at Kew, there are twenty varieties indditional loan of 1,000,000 year, and are also of rice from the Island of Sulu. The trying to extend the original term for payment

The total unantity of coal exported from out of the country, and they are known in Moji from the 1st to the 15th inst amounted to London and sold as the "Manila" shell These 33,737 tons, with a declared value of 225,457 here on or about Thursday the 5th proximo. yen. The particulars are as follows:-

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These figures show an increase of 8,572 tons in the quantity and an increase of 25,300 yes in the declared value over the returns for the first half of the preceding month.

OPENING OF A DOCK AT KURE. The opening ceremony of the No. 2 dock a Kure was held on the 14th inst. In the presence of Admiral Inouve, the Commander of the Kure Port Admiralty, General Yamaguchi, the forced the Sultan to become her subject, and Communder of the Hiroshima Army Division paid him a pension of 2,4000 dollars. The and many other officers and officials. It was Spaniards have a settlement on the Island of arranged that the hattleship Pashina should Bulu situated on an unhealthy swamp and enter the new dock as the first yessel on that garrisoned by 800 soldlers, and there are smaller, day, but the heavy gale blowing prevented the dettlements on other three of the islands. The arrangement from being corried out. Th islands of Sulu appear to be as unhealthy maximum length of the new dock is \$25% feet to the Spaniards as Fashoda is to the the maximum breadth at the upper and 25 feet French, otherwise, there would not be it inches, and at the lower end 82 feet 5 inches, the stipulation for payment to the Spanish. The dock cost Y800,000 to build and is the

ANTIMPORTANT CASE FOR FORLIGHERS. The hearing of the charge against a Japanese some forty miles distant from the nearest Sulu trader named Nakagawa Ichiaro, living at island, and with the railway connecting the Otamachi. 2-chome, Yokohama, who was Bay of Cowie with the coal-fields of the pro- prosecuted by Messrs. Kingen and Scux, No. vince of Brunel, the Sulu Islands could be 177, Settlement, was recently concluded. The criminal action was rejected, the court holding England. The United States is not a free that the accused had only incurred a debt. It was stated that the accused on the 13th England may bring it about, it is necessary August purchased indigo valued at 1,003.79 that she should see that the free trade between yen from the foreign firm, and paid the amount the Sulu islands and their dependencies, by a cheque on the Mitsul Bank on the 15th of Palawan and Balabac, secured to her by the the same month, Whon the foreign firm Hall, Tonkin. Protocol of 1877 do not under the peace treaty presented the cheque it was found that the Homeward-Dec. noth Andalusia, Stolberg

The firm thereupon brought a charge of fraud

against Nakagawa: THE SORO KAISHA CASE On the 16th inst. in the Kobe Chiho Saibansho, Mr. Yonezawa Chojiro, who is alleged to be the principal offender in the Hyogo Soko Knisha frauds, was sontenced in default to imprisonment for four months with hard labour on a charge of having infringed clause 5. of Article 1,051: of the Commercial Code and clause 6 of the Law No. 101 of 1890.

The facts laid before the Court were that the Specie Bank demanded payment of a promissory note for Y31,300, issued on the 29th June: last, and that the accused suspended payment on the afternoon of that day." Nevertheless he" failed to report the fact to the Kobe Chiho Saibansho within 5 days as necessary under Article 979 of the Commercial Code, and as he did not appear to defend his conduct he was sentenced to four months' imprisonment as above stated. Mr. Yonezawa has absconded. RAILWAY ACCIDENT AT SANNOMIYA.

A remarkable accident to a train occurred on the night of the 14th inst. on the Anamon bridge, close to Sannomiya station, and a most serious disaster perhaps was only narrowly averted. An Osaka train, due at 6.30, ran into a goods truck near the bridge, sending it with such force against the wooden mil that it fell over into the street. The passenger train fortunately was brought to a standstill, and the passengers were spared any more serious experience than the shock caused by the impact. A coolie who was loading the truck has since died from injuries received. Both his legs are stated to have been broken. There is often a good deal of traffic under the bridge and it is marvellous that the fall of the truck was not attended by any more serious consequences. One man who happened to be passing had a narrow escape.

#### NOTANDA. CALENDAR.

Meteorological means based on ten years' observations to 1893. Barometer ......29.818

Thermometer ......80.1 ~TO-DAY; WEATHER REPORT. On date at On date at

Barometer......30.14 Thermometer ..... 63 Humidity ...... 68 Rainfall

Wednesday, 28th December, 1898. Chinese-16th of sith moon of 24th year of Kavang-su."

Moon—Full Moon 7hr. 16min. a.m. High water-Morning ......sohr. 58min. . Afternoon ..... 8hr. 47min. Low water-Morning ...... 3hr. 41min. Afternoon ..... 2hr. 3min. ANNIVERSARIES. 1851-Great fire in Hongkong: 472 houses

destroyed. 1857-Canton bombarded by Allied forces of

Great Britain and France. 1879—Tay Bridge disaster; 70 lives lost. 1883-Loss of the Hwai Yuen with 280 lives.

TO-MORROW.

Thursday, 29th December, 1898. Chinese-i7th of 11th moon of 24th year High water-Morning ......Ilhr. 29min-

Afternoon ..... ghr. 17min. Low water-Morning ...... 4hr. 13min. Afternoon ..... 2hr. 42min. anniversari**es.** 1170-Murder of Thomas & Becket in Cantar-

bury Cathedral. 🕾 😘 1809-W. E. Gladstone born. 1843-Gwalior, the "Gibraltar of the East! taken by the British.

1848-The Pope Deposed by the Roman - Assembly. 1850-2nd Kaffir Wascommenced. 1854-The Taipings blocked the Canton river

and defeated the Imperialist fleet a 1857-Magazine Hill, Canton, captured by the British and French forces.

#### SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE. French (Laos) 1st.prox. Australian (Changsha) 5th prox. American (City of Peking) 20th prox. '.

THE Agents (Messrs, Gibb, Livingston & Co.) inform us that the "Ben" Line steamer Ben--ledi from Antwerp and London, left Singapore

WE are informed that the Messageries Mari times Co.'s steamer Laos, with the next French Mail, left Singapore for this port at 6 p.m. on Sunday the 25th instant, via Salgon,

tralian ports, left Port Darwin for this port yesterday the 27th instant, and may be expected

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK RETURNS.

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PASSED THE CANAL

Outward-Nov. 22nd Flintships; Nov. 29th

Gisela, Bentedt, Dorothea Richmers ; Dec. 6th Tantalus, Dec, 9th Sikh, Socotra, Vladimir; Dec, 13th Patroclus, Norman Isles; Dec. 16th. Sarnia, Vine Branch | Dog. 20th Glenesk, Prissen. Ettrichdale; Doc. 33rd Wennington accused had no cash in the bank to meet it. Dec. pard Dardanie, Sarpedonie

### Intimations.

NEW YEAR HOLIDAY.

IN accordance with ORDINANCE No. 6 of 1875, the Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business, on MONDAY, the and January

For the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA, " T. E. SANSOM,

Acting Manager. For the Hongkong & Shanghat Banking CORPORATION. T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager. For the NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, G. W. F. PLAYFAIR,

Chief Manager. For the MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA 1]. THURBURN,

· Manager. For the BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE, G. F. AUGUSTIN.

For the BANK OF CHINA & JAPAN, LIMITED E. L. HUNTER,

For the YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED, For the IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA, E. W. RUTTER.

Manager. Hongkong, 28th December, 1898.

NEW YEAR HOLIDAY.

THE Undermentioned INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business, on MONDAY, the and January, 1899:-JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

General Agents. " CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LD. General Managers. HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO.,

LIMITED. W. J. SAUNDERS, Acting Secretary. UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF

CANTON, LD. W. H. PERCIVAL, NORTH-CHINA INSURANCE CO., LD.

W. H. RAY, Secretary, CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE CO.,

SHEWAN TOMES & Co.,. YANGTSZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

· LIMITED. G. L. TOMLIN. Acting Secretary.

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LD. W. H. T. DAVIS, Manager, THE STRAITS INSURANCE CO., LD.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1898. NAVY LEAGUE.

DINNER TO

LORD CHARLES BERESFORD.

DINNER will be given to LORD CHARLES BERESFORD, by HONGKONG BRANCH of the LEAGUE, in the CITY HALL, on TUESDAY, the 3rd of January, 1899, at 8 P.M. All Members and Associates who wish to be present are requested to send in their Names to the Undersigned as soon as possible.

E. W. MITCHELL, "Hon, Secretary, 🤇 Hongkong, 27th December, 1898.

THE HONGKONG COTTON SPINNING, WEAVING AND DYEING CO. LIMITED.

#### NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the FINAL INSTALMENT of \$30 per Share on the shares in above COMPANY becomes due on the THIRTY-FIRST day of December next, and PAYMENT thereof must be made to the BANKERS of the Company, viz., the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING COR-PORATION on or before that date. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 30th November, 1898.

## THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO.,

THE WILLIAM STATES NIOTICE is hereby given that under the powers conferred by the SPECIAL

RESOLUTION passed and confirmed on the 5th and 25th days of June, 1897 the Undersigned General Managers did on the 30th day of November, 1898 make a FINAL CALL of \$5 per Share on account of the price of the New Shares issued in pursuance of such RESOLUTION and a PINAL CALL of \$5 on account of the PREMIUM for each such share and that such CALLS are PAYABLE at the THE C. N. Co.'s steamer Changsha from Aus. Offices of the General Managers, No. 9, Praya Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on the 1st January, 1899.

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On the following dates:-THURSDAY, 5th January, 1899. SATURDAY, ... 7th MONDAY. WEDNESDAY, 11th SATURDAY. 14th

The TICKET OFFICE at the Theatre will be OPENED on THURSDAY, the 22nd Dec., at 10 A.M. and Seats can be booked from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M., every day; SUNDAYS and GENERAL HOLIDAYS excepted.

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Pit ...... 1 Half Price to Soldiers and Sailors in uniform to the Pit. Late Trams to the Peak a quarter of an hour after fall of the curtain. E. W. MITCHELL,

Hon. Secretary. Hongkong, 24th December, 1898.

## Shipping.

STEAMERS. CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA, (DIRECT). THE Company's Steamship

"SUNGKIANG." Captain Dodd, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 29th instant, at Noon. For Freight or Passage, apply to.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Hongkong, 28th December, 1898. "GLEN" LINE OF STEAM PACKETS. FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"GLENAVON," Captain W. Pithie, will be despatched as above on or about the 29th instant. For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Hongkong, 16th December, 1898. CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY, MELBOURNE AND LAUNCESTON. THE Company's Steamship

'TAIYUAN," Captain Nelson, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 30th instant, at Noon. The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. The First-class Saloon is situated forward of the Engines. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the Supply of Fresh Provis-

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BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE. . Agents. Hongkong, 27th December, 1898. NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA (FLORIO & RUBATTINO UNITED COMPANIES.)

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE AND BOMBAY. Having connexion with the Company's Mai Steamers to ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID. MESSINA, NAPLES, LEGHORN and

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For Further Particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply to CARLOWITZ & Co., Hongkong, 27th December, 1898. THE SHELL TRANSPORT AND TRAD-

ING COMPANY, LIMITED, SHELL" LINE OF STEAMERS. FOR LONDON (VIA SINGAPORE.) THE Company's Steamship.

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ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co., Hongkong, 27th December, 1898. CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Company's Steamship "SHANTUNG," Captain Frampton, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 2nd January, at Noon.

FOR SAMARANG AND SOURABAYA.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents Hongkong, 24th December, 1898. MOGUL-WARRACK-MILBURN LINE. FOR NEW YORK WA SUEZ CANAL

HE Steamship will be despatched as above on or about the 12th January, 1899.
S.S. "ENERGIA"....About 19th Jan., 1899. S.S. PATHAN 3. 31st Jan., 1899. the same time being of an S.S. "ARGYLL" ..... 15th Feb., 1899.

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#### Constances.

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGA-TION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM TRIESTE, FIUME, PORT SAID. ADEN, BOMBAY, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship "VINDOBONA."

having arrived Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence delivery may be obtained. This vessel brings no Cargo :-

From Trieste, ex S.S. Amphilrite transhipped it Bombay.

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Noon on the 28th instant, or they will not be recongnised. 'No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the

sent in to the office of the Undersigned before

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SANDER, WIELER & Co.

UNITED STATES AND CHINA-JAPAN STEAMSHIP LINE.

FROM NEW YORK AND STRAITS. THE Steamship

"INDRANI"

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 29th ... instant, will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Consignees are requested to present all

than the 5th January, otherwise they will not be recognised Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1898. NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES,

THE Steamrhip "RADNORSHIRE.".

risk and expense. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all Goods remaining. undelivered after the 1st January, 1899, will be

to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 31st instant, at 2:30 P.M. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Agents. Hongkong, 27th December, 1898.

"CHUSAN

Consignees of Cargo by the above named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods. are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloong Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

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tained from the Godown Company within ten

H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent. Hongkong, 27th December, 1898.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES. • FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGPAORE.

"KOHINUR" having arrived from the above Ports. Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside;

the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon. Wharf and Godown Co., Limited. Consignees of Cargo from SINGAPORE and PENANG are requested to take IMMEDIATE DELIVERY of their Goods, from alongside;

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THE GREAT AUSTRIAN TONIC

great STRENOTH-GIVING PROPERTIES and at

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Hongkong, 22nd December, 1898. \_ [1465

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of cargo by her, are hereby informed that their goods, are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co.; Limited: at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained. Optional cargo will be forwarded unless. notice to the contrary be given before Noon TO-MORROW.

claims for damages and/or shortages not later

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FROM MIDDLESBRO, LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

Captain Vyvyan, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees, of Cargo are hereby informed that their goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited at Kowloon and stored at Consignees.

subject to rent. All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are

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days after the Vossel's arrival here, after which no Claims will be recognised.

THE Steamship

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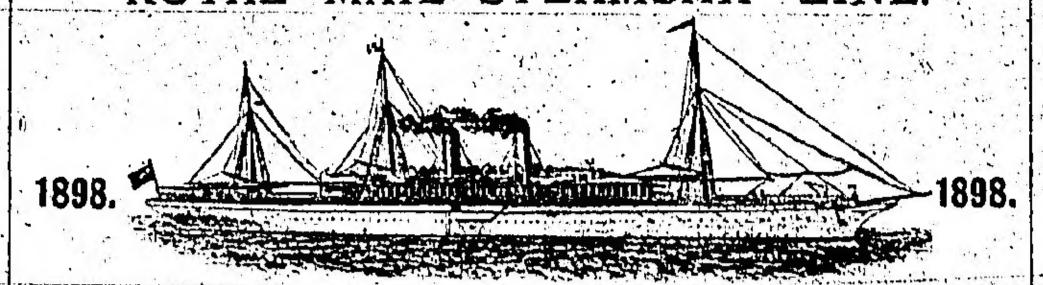
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Hongkong, 16th December, 1898.



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Hongkong, 24th December, 1898;

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DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., General Agents. Hongkong, 22nd December, 1898.

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PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONCKONG. SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATIONS. HEIDELBERGED HAYRE AND HAMBURG (LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG) ? December. \*SIBIRIA ...... GENOA AND HAMBURG ....... ( About 5th ) (LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG) [ January) HAVRE, HAMBURG & ANTWERP 

Passage. About 14th About 10th February.

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HONGKONG TO SAN DIEGO

Hongkong, 27th December, 1898.

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VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU. Taking Cargo and Passengers to Japan Ports and HONOLULU, The UMTED STATES,

MENICO, CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA, &c. Carlisle City ..... | 3,002 | ..... | Jan. 15 Carmarthenshire | 2,929 | ..... | Feb. 14

THE-Steamship

"CARLISLE CITY," will be despatched for SAN DIEGO VIA NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKO-HAMA and HONOLULU, on or about

the 15th January in the United States.

"Cargo will be received on board until 5 P.M. will be received at the OFFICE until the same time. All parcels should be marked to address in full. Value of same is required. Consular Invoices, to accompany cargo des-

tined to Points beyond San Diego, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the at NAPLES and GENOA:—Collector of Customs, San Diego.

Shipping Orders will be greatered to the at NAPLES and GENOA:—Collector of Customs, San Diego. For futher information as to Freight or Passage, apply to

Agents.... Hongkong, China and Japan. Hongkong, 8th November, 1898.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

U.S. MAIL LINE. PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG. City of Peking (via) Shanghai, Nagasaki, Saturday, 21st Jan., Kobe, Inland Sea, Saturday, 21st Jan., Yokohama & Honö-

China (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, In-Thursday, 16th Feb., land, Sea, Yokohana at Noon. and Honolulu)

(via Shanghai, Naga-Tuesday, 14th March, at Noon. Sca, Yokohama and Honolulu)

THE U. S. Mail Steamship

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"CITY OF PEKING" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, IN-LAND SEA, YOKOHAMA & HONOLULU, on SATURDAY, the 21st January, at Noon, taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the

United States, and Europe. Steamers of this line, pass through the 1N-LAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines. of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the THE Company's Steamship United States of Canada. Rates may be obtained on application. Passengers holding through ORDERS TO

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Diplomatic, and Civil Service, to European to Covernment officials and their families. Officers in the service of China and Japan; and to Government officials and their families.

ation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Franscisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the address in full; and same will be received at Company's and connecting Steamers. Freight, will be received on board until 4 P.M.

address in full; value of same is required, Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo des: tined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, Office in Scaled Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Emncisco. For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7. Praya Central

I S. VAN BUREN, Agent Hongkong, 28th December, 1898.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD NOTICE.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADED, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENÓA, PORTS, IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS:

LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS GALVESTON, AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT

SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE. N.B .- CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH

CIPAL PLACES IN RUSSIA. Proposed Sailings From Hongkong. (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRIN-

Through Bills of Lading issued to any point Prinz Meinrich ... - Wednesday | 4th Jan. Preussen ..... | Wednesday | 1st Feb.

> ON WEDNESDAY, the 4th day of January, 1899, at 9 a.m., the Company's Steamship "PRINZ HEINRICH," Captain O. Cüppers, with MAILS PASSENGERS SPECIE, and ! CARGO, will leave this Port as above, calling Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON on

MONDAY, the 2nd January. Cargo and Specie will be received on board until 5 P.M. on TUESDAY the 3rd January, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until NOON on TUESDAY, the 3rd January. Contents o [1330 Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than \$2.50 and Parcels should not exceed Two Cubic Feet in Measurement

> The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess. Linen can be washed on board, For further Particulars, apply to MELCHERS & Co.,

Hongkong, 9th November, 1896. . . [1436

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CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA AND EUROPE; THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,

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Nagasaki, Kobe, In- (Thursday, 5th Jan., 1899, at Noon. land Sca, Yokohama ( and Honolulu). 🕬 Guelie (via Shanghai, ) Nagasaki, Kobe, In- (Tuesday, 31st Jan.,

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and Honolulu),

will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, Routes from San Francisco, including the via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, IN-SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACI- LAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLU-LU, on EHURSDAY, the 5th January, at

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of the United States or Canada. Rates, and

tained upon application. Special rates (First-class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Special rates (first class only) are granted to Diplomatic and Civil Services, to European Missionaries, members of the Nayal, Military, Officials in the service of China and Japan, and

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embæking at San Francisco for China or Japan - Through Bills of Lading issued for transport. (or vice versa) within one year, will be allowed a discount of to percent. " This allowance does not apply to through fares for China and Japan

All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to the Company's Office until Five P.M. the day

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For further information as to Freight or No. 7. Praya Central. J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

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